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21 June 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - Office of General Counsel
Covering Period of 16 June-20 June 1952

1. The President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance sent letters dated June 5th and June 6th requesting information on our contract procedures and administration. A study indicated that full response could not be made because of the serious security aspects. Mr. Houston recommended to DD/A that they approach the Executive Director of the Committee in an effort to be relieved of the requirements for information. Mr. Houston talked to Mr. Robert Granville, the Executive Director by phone, and he said that since he had been with the FBI he thought he understood the security problem. He wishes to talk about it, and since they will be tied up in hearings or otherwise, Mr. Houston will get in touch with him on Monday, June 23rd.

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4. Mr. Warner discussed with representatives of Personnel the fact that CIA requirements for repayment of travel expenses for failure to remain overseas the prescribed period were more stringent than required by law. Since the individuals signed contracts it has proved difficult in some cases to find an appropriate way where we wish to relieve them of responsibility. Under the law, however, there is no requirement that they repay unless there is a determination that it would be in the best interest of the Government to collect the amounts due. Personnel will study the matter further with a view to changing the regulations and length of overseas service agreements.

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5. In compliance with the request of Mr. Duvall, Clerk of the Independent Office's Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, that CIA testify on Monday, 16 June, on the Soviet atomic energy program, Legislative Counsel informed Subcommittee Chairman Thomas that CIA was most reluctant to testify in connection with the appropriations of another agency, and that all the available intelligence on the Soviet atomic program had been given to the AEC. Mr. Thomas insisted that CIA appear and the matter was discussed with Mr. Dulles, Mr. Becker and Mr. Wolf. As a result, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Becker appeared before the Committee and stated why it would not be possible for them to testify in view of the precedent established regarding CIA non-appearances. The Committee was adamant and proposed to go into the matter further with the DCI and possibly on the Floor.

6. Mr. Dompiere, of the office of Senator Ferguson, called regarding the retirement application of [redacted]

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[redacted] who wished to retire under the special statute which permits retirement at the age of 50 after twenty years of service involving hazardous duty. Mr. Pforzheimer informed Mr. Dompiere on 19 June that [redacted] had sent his retirement check to CIA, which had forwarded it to the Civil Service Commission on 27 May and that CIA had forwarded his retirement application with a favorable recommendation to the Civil Service Commission on 13 June. Mr. Pforzheimer also pointed out that this would probably be a test case under the special statute, and that if the retirement application was not accepted, [redacted] would be re-employed by CIA. (Mr. Pforzheimer has Col. Baird's assurances on this point).

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7. Mr. Pforzheimer discussed with Mr. Dulles/Acting DCI, S. Res. 326 to investigate problems connected with emigration of refugees from Western European nations. Mr. Dulles felt that on balance there would be no need to oppose passage of this resolution, and that even if CIA were called to testify it would not affect security to a degree necessary to oppose this resolution.

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